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THE CUBAN MELODRAMA.

THE NOBLE HERO (to the HEAVY VILLAIN).—Stand back, there, gol darn ye!—If you force this thing to a fifth act, remember that 's where I git in my work!



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PROFESSIONAL INTEREST.

MISS ANTIQUE (copily).— Dear me! I wonder who that elderly gentleman is that has been following me around all evening?

MRS. FLATLY.— That is Professor Sniggins, the celebrated antiquarian.

POPULAR RECIPES

NE WITHDRAWAL, a marriage, a divided delegation and soundness on the money question, will make an excellent receptive candidate.

Take one pair of eyes as big as saucers, a

Take one pair of eyes as big as saucers, a vocabulary greater than Dr. Johnson's, limitless quantities of flesh, the pedestrian capacity of a walking-match winner and intelligence greater than Bismarck's. The result will be the average baby as its mother sees it.

A war in Cuba consists of three parts American excitement to one part of Spanish explosiveness.

Mix a number of manufacturing-trust magnates well with several politicians and sprinkle the mass with money. This is the ordinary mode of obtaining a protective tariff.

Bring a number of hayseeds together and stir them well, in order to get a municipal government.

Wide margins and eccentric typography make an excellent book of poems.

Horseflesh of skittish tendencies, a foreign language and a divorce suit will make a play.

A herd of donkeys is not sufficient for a Congress. There must be hogs.

For that tired feeling, forget McKinley altogether. If powder will not raise the biscuits, try dynamite.

Mary Ann Harland and Mrs. Roarer.

NO CHANGE.

JONES.—Any news from Cuba this morning?
JENKINS.—Nothing special. The insurgents have n't suppressed Weyler yet.

SOME OF our statesmen are self-made men and some are machine-made.

IN POLITICS, "using your influence" generally means asking something you ought not to ask from somebody who ought not to listen to you.

A QUESTION.

EDITOR OF MCKINLEY ORGAN. — I 'm in doubt as to the proper way to allude to Reed in this campaign.

Assistant.—What is the point?

EDITOR.—Shall I call him an "ex-Presidential possibility," or a "Presidential ex-possibility"?

A DIFFICULT TASK.

FIRST CAMPAIGN SPEAKER.— I don't see how we are going to defend the abolition of free lunch.

SECOND CAMPAIGN SPEAKER.— Have you any idea at all how to get around it?

SECOND CAMPAIGN SPEAKER.—The best thing I can think of just now is to argue that the saloon-keepers can afford to give you more beer for your money.

POSSIBLY.

JONES. — Had Weyler experience before he went to Cuba?

JENKINS. — I have heard that he had the exclusive management of several parades.

REQUIRES AN ARITHMETICAL EXPERT.

FIRST CITIZEN. — What do you think of Reed's chances?
FIRST CITIZEN. — I don't see how he can get the nomination unless they let him count the votes himself.

T is rumored that Benjamin Harrison will appear in political society again this Summer in response to the following invitation which he expects to receive during the first part of June:

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Ат Номе,

St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896.

To meet An Emergency.



AN ESTIMATE.

 $\label{visitor} \mbox{\sc Visitor.} - \mbox{\sc I} \ \mbox{\sc suppose your Congressman has been in public life a} \\ \mbox{\sc long time?}$

VILLAGER.— Yes; I reckon it 's nigh onto twenty years since he 's paid his fare on a railroad train.



A JUNE WEDDING.

A T MARJORIE'S wedding,

The organ's soft notes Float out like a song from sweet, velvety throats. To some listening ears they recall an old tune, And they whisper to others, "Your turn may come so

At Marjorie's wedding, The bridesmaids appear Like white doves in pairs to the altar drawn near. And, in sight of the altar, sits many a man, Considering, perchance, how he 'd alter the plan.

At Marjorie's wedding,

The bridegroom, in place, Decides that this music 's not easy to face. He covers his weakness; that is, if you please, His weakness is covered - it dwells in his knees.

At Marjorie's wedding,

The sweet bride, at last; On that bright, snowy vision all glances are cast. Her father supports her a-down the long aisle— He 'll support more than one, in a very short while.

At Marjorie's wedding,

The knot is soon tied; They step forth together, the bridegroom and bride. They step forth together, the march just begun; But which one will lead, when the honeymoon 's done? Ella Randall Pearce.

GRASS.

HAD SPENT many years in assiduously putting salt on the tail of the article of grass which grew up between the stones and brick of my city sidewalk and area; but I found that mine was only a superficial knowledge of

grass when my wife and I moved into the suburbs so that we might become the solicitous possessors of a little stretch of lawn for the chil-

dren to play on.

I had always felt a great respect for the longevity of the tufts about our city home. They might stay our city home. out every night for a week, and yet always come up fresh and smiling in the morning without any need of the thoughtfully prepared concoctions for clearing the head flamingly displayed in the art galleries of the street and "L" cars. But the grass of the new

lawn seemed to come from a line of less sturdy ancestry. Its youthful bloom wore off upon the seat of little Clarence's trousers

before those garments even showed any sign of reciprocal wear. up using a rude mower upon it after the first week, tenderly substituting my safety-razor; and yet, as the days passed and Anabel gradually became on borrowing terms with our new neighbors, our lawn, the pride of every suburbanite, finally grew to be as void of cool, green, velvety blades as a

I tried everything, from a grass-seed which my neighbors' chickens showed a marked preference for, to a brand-new tailor-made suit of sod. Thinking to profit by my early experiments, I devoted myself to transplanting the luxuriant fringe of grass growing so persistently out in the gutter and through the cracks of the board walk, to positions of honor upon the depleted soil, Anabel watering this before each meal with her atomizer. But in a day or two even this sturdy growth had withered and was reincarnated back in its old place in the gutter. Then Anabel read somewhere that it took three hundred years to make a lawn, anyway, though only one hundred and fifty to make a gentleman. We believed it, and we concluded that we did n't have the three hundred years to spare.

Con Converse.

HIS VIEW.

HE .- It seems to me that, under some circumstances, a minister might be justified in using another minister's sermon.

SHE. - Under what circumstances?

HE. - Well, for instance, if it was a very short sermon.



PERTINENT.

SAM .- Whar yo' gait all de hens, Jim?

JIM .- Raised um.

SAM .- Fum whar -- eggs or coops?

A NEW Jersey scientist is working on a scheme to create ill-feeling between the microbe and the mosquito.



THE SUIT OF HEARTS.

A WHIST PROBLEM.

IME WAS when only stately dames With silvered hair, and old gallants Accounted whist the queen of games, While gay youth reveled in the dance; But times and women change; - to-day Tennis has palled and Tennyson, While Phyllis studies up the play Of Cavendish and Hamilton.

But when my suit of hearts I show Her keen finesse she puts to use, So that each day I never know Whether I 'll feel like king or deuce, Till, - "Tell me, dear!" I cry at length, "How can my wished-for point be won? You know in hearts are all my strength, My diamond is a singleton!

Her rippling laughter rings out clear,

- And makes my heart go rub-a-dub.
 'I think,' she says, "you need not fear If you will discard every club!'
- "Dear, learn!" I cry, as to resist
 My ardor she makes demonstration,
- "The charm of kisses, as of whist, Lies in the test of duplication!

Beatrice Hanscom

A FRIENDLY VISITOR.

" DANTS," said the stranger, in a business-like tone, as he briskly entered the store.

"Pants, Mr. Seelman," called out the floor-walker.

"Pants?" the salesman echoed in a low, melodious voice, advancing toward the new-comer.

"Pants," repeated the latter.
"This way, sir;" and the two walked down the aisle.

"I 've just come from Trenton, New Jersey," remarked the customer.
"That 's a capital place, is n't it?"
"I really don't know," the salesman replied; "I

never was there." "Well, it is a capital place," repeated the stranger; "it's the capital of New Jersey. I thought everybody that ever went to school - speaking of capitals, did you ever hear the interesting story how the name Topeka, the capital of Kansas, originated?"

"I never did."

"Nor I. It's a funny name; but there are funnier ones. Take Kalamazoo down on Long Island - "

"Kalamazoo is in Michigan."

"I know it."

"You said it was down on

Long Island."

"If you'll allow me - I did not! I asked you to take it down on Long Island; but you need n't mind; I was only joking, anyway. I feel fine this morning — fine. I'll tell you why: I'm going to be married this day two weeks to a lady who has twenty thousand dollars in her own right; and the first thing I'm going to do is to go right down among my creditors and pay 'em all up slick and clean and take receipts in full, and make myself gloriously free and independ-ent. It's the anticipation of that that makes me happy, and I want you to have a part in this scheme. I don't owe you anything; but if you 'll let me have a gray serge suit and a pair of light pants to day -"

He slapped the salesman on the back.

"C. O. D.," said the salesman dryly.



THE ONLY DISADVANTAGE.

BRAKEMAN (discovering WEARY WALKER, - with sarcasm) .-Well, did yer sleep good last night?

WEARY WALKER.- Putty good, exceptin' de fellys in de lower bert' wuz kinder restless.

"C. O. D.!" echoed the stranger. "Well, you'll give me credit -" "Can't do it," the salesman interrupted.

"You 'll give me credit, I say, for doing my best to liven up a cranky old dyspeptic — Oh! keep your temper, for I 'm going right out, and I don't want you to think I stole it."

So saying he went out; and the salesman certainly kept his temper, for he displayed it all day long.



NO JUDGE.

D'AUBER.- Now, are n't those cattle good? FRIEND.- I really can't say. I am a vegetarian, you know.

THE LOVER'S EXCUSE.

I gave her my heart, To her boundless delight, Now to see it 's well kept I call every night.

SHE KNEW THEM.

A railroad was about to be run through the best part of a western farmer's farm. He had had a stormy interview with the agents of the road, and was very wroth at them. He was expecting another visit from the agents when his little daughter

"There they come again." "Who is it?" asked the

father. "Those road-agents again."

AT THE BALL GAME.

SMITH.—Ever see such an exhibition?

ROBINSON. - Oh! it makes me tired to see the home team play as if they had all just been vaccinated!

NO EXCUSE.

JONES .- But have n't I told you that I have a wheel?

THE CANVASSER .- But you have n't one of our wheels! .

HE HAD BEEN VISITING.

ERE WAS a certain little boy Sat in his little chair, And at his bowl of bread and milk Put on a scornful stare.

> 'Since I 've been down to Grandpa's, where I had things that was fried, This tastes SO ecklenomical!" The baby said, and sighed.

> > Dorothea Lummis.

A NEW PERIL.

BROWN. - I see that the lawyers in a recent case wanted to have a violin played in court as part of the evidence.

JONES. - Yes; a juryman nowadays can't tell what he 's going to run up against.

HARD LINES.

"I expect to be in terrible suspense until next Fall."

"How so?"

"My wife just informed me that she had bet a new hat on the election."

WE MAY COME TO IT.

FRIEND.—I don't think the "X" ray should be used in medicine—DOCTOR.—Why, it 's being used now! We can get internal photographs of the patient.

FRIEND. - Yes; but some day the patient may be able to get internal photographs of the doctor's head and find out if he knows anything about the case.

IN THE good time coming, as the advanced woman sees it, man will have to hustle to maintain his parity.



THE WHEEL IN CHURCH.

Anabel (in surprised whisper).— Why, how recently has Dr. Highchurch taken to wearing such lovely long gowns?

Miriam (in whisper).— Oh! ever since we presented him with

a wheel. They hide his bicycle suit.

HER PLEA FOR THE CASHIER.

ANNA. - Don't prosecute him, Papa. Let him go, and cover the matter up.

PAPA. But, Anna, he has embezzled two thousand dollars, and I trusted him so!

ANNA.-Yes; think of it - only two thousand dollars! Why, people will never believe we have money if it is known that a man in his position took so little.

WHAT LAW CAN DO.

"Intoxicants," remarked the pharmacist as he filled another prescription from a flask, "are now a drug in the market.

A REASON.

PRIMA DONNA. - Why is the nightingale such a popu-

MANAGER. - It is good-natured about encores.

DIVIDING THE INCOME.

HUSBAND--You ought to be careful about expenses this Summer. Wife.—Oh! I 'll leave you enough money to do the roof gardens in the style to which you are accustomed.

UNLESS THE home team improves, the office-boy's grandmother will have very little to die for.



ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

MR. ROOTER.- Yes; that is the score-board over there.

It tells how much each side has made.

MISS GUSHINGTON (her first game). — Oh! are n't the
New Yorker's doing splendidly? (reads.) Philadelphia has only fifty-six while New York has ten thousand.

HOW DISAPPOINTING it is to be sure that you are going to get a good fat check, when the postman rings, and then to go down and find it is only a love-letter!



HIS VERSATILITY.

TOURIST (in Oklahoma). - I should not think that piano tuning would be a very lucrative occupation in this region - pianos are not very plentiful here, are they?

PIANO TUNER.—Well, no; but I make a pretty fair income by tightening up barb-wire fences on the side.



A CAROM NEEDED.

ADE A HIT!" cried Cupid,
As his arrow pierced my heart.
"I made a hit!" laughed Cupid,
As he chose another dart.

"You made a hit," I answered;
"Now, mark yon fickle jade.
You made a hit, O Cupid!
Now can you hit a maid?"

Carl Currie.

AN ORGANIZER.

READ.—This paper has a story about an Irishman who was captured by the Indians ten years ago.

WRIGHT .- Did he have a hard time of it?

READ. — Found it rather confining. He was head chief after the first three days.



A CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

MRS. O'TOOLE (proudly).—See that wan to th' extrame left? Well, that 's me Mary Ann. She used to be a dhress model afore she wint on th' stage.

Mrs. Duffy.—A dhress model, — phwat 's thot?
Mrs. O'Toole.— Phwy, she used to stand up an' show how clothes looked on her.

MRS. DUFFY, — Hivins! what a change! Now she stands up and shows how clothes look off her.

A TERRITORIAL TITLE.

HOGABOOM (of Chicago).—So your regular name is Marmaduke Wentworth de Redclyffe — eh? Well, then, how do you come to be Lord Huntingtower?

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LORD HUNTINGTOWER.— That, sir, is a territorial title quite distinct from the family name.

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HOGABOOM (enlightened).— Oh, I catch on! Territorial—
eh? Just like my brother Henry who went West some years since—they call him "Arizona Hank."

"MAY WE be slaves to nothing but our duty," toasted Roundleigh, as he broke the last small bottle before going home to his wife, at 3 o'clock, A. M.



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A USELESS EXHORTATION.

FIRST PROSPECTOR (well in the lead).—Hurry up! Hurry up! The Indians 'll git ye!

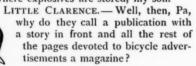
SECOND PROSPECTOR (in great disgust after third repetition).—You d—d fool! Do I look as if I wuz pullin' this race?

UNANSWERABLE.

LITTLE CLARENCE. - Pa, what is the proper definition of "magazine?"

MR. CALLIPERS.—A place where explosives are stored, my son.

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Well, then, P



A NEW VIEW.

KILDUFF.—The laws against pugilism are all unconstitutional.

SKIDMORE. — How do you make that out?

KILDUFF.—The Constitution guarantees the right of free speech.

IN THE NATURE OF A HINT.

HE.—Consistency is a jewel, you know.

SHE. — But you can't wear consistency on your engagement finger.

SADLER.—I understand you are making a study of the poor of the city.

SCRIBBLER.—Yes.

SADLER. - Then let me introduce you to Mr. Verze, the poet.

"A COACH AND FOUR."



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SAVING HIM STEPS.

 $\mbox{Buttons.--Mr.}$ Stoneski, dere 's a poor, lame beggar trying to come up de sdairs !

STONESKI (with deep pity).—Poor man!—poor man! Vat a shame! Oh, my! Run down, like a goot poy, undt don't let him vaste any more time!



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A POOR KIND OF MAN. FATE HAS played a scurvy trick upon William McKinley, of Canton, Ohio. Five years and a half ago, by the grace of Chance, his name was put to a tariff-bill containing the highest duties that the manufacturers had ever been

able to buy. The Republican party was wrecked by this bill two years later, but the name "McKinley" had come to stand for Protection. Prior to 1890 McKinley had been a Congressman of admitted mediocrity. During a long political career he had earned no fame of any sort. He stood for no principle and was useful only to count in a quorum. He was just a plain hired-man on the Republican farm. Then a cruel accident made him chairman of a Ways and Means committee, and his name went to the tariff-bill framed by his abler colleagues. Thenceforth he was to the tariff-bill framed by his abler colleagues. Thenceforth he was hailed as the chief sponsor of Protection. Naturally he began to cultivate some views on the tariff. This was not hard for him to do. He had lived so long with no particular views on any subject that it must have been a relief to be tied up to something in that way. He learned the stock phrases of Protection and rattled them off, parrot-like, whenever the chance came. By dealing in flowery generalities about "prosperity" he came to be regarded by a considerable element as one really endowed with power to make life easy. He preached always of a golden time when wages would be high, the necessaries of life cheap and money plentiful,

— and the millennium seemed to be awaiting the crook of his finger. Had the tariff continued to be the chief issue of the day McKinley might have served a long term as a popular idol. Unhappily for him another issue came to divide the people, and the tariff is regarded with comparative indifference. See the result: McKinley, facing an emergency that demands a man of parts, shows himself to be a man of weakness.

Amidst all the excitement of a currency discussion that is shaking every quarter of the country, he stands, voiceless, upon his record. This record is characteristic of the man. He has been many things in his time; — indeed, his managers point with pride to his chameleon-like changes of opinion. They circulate his silver views in the West and his gold views in the East; and their charge takes his silent part in the deception. Having leaned more toward silver than toward gold, his present views are eagerly sought by business men and voters in general. Yet on this most vital question of the day he is dumb. He shares the delusion with his managers that it is possible to fool the people upon the one issue that divides them. He is depending upon his cheap, machine-made popularity to dazzle them.

If his refusal to say what he honestly thinks is cowardly, his reason for refusing is senseless. "He can not make the platform in advance," his backers say; "it would be indelicate of him to disclose his sentiments now." The rank absurdity of this position is seen when the tariff issue is considered, instead of the currency. Upon the tariff this man of infinate delicacy speaks freely and positively. No fear of "making the platform in advance" deters him from the most rabid mouthing of Protection's virtues. If he may tell how he stands on the tariff, which he contends is the chief issue, why, then, must he refuse to say what kind of dollar he stands for? This question is asked as a mere matter of form —for, of course, McKinley will continue to emulate the reticent oyster and the spineless sponge.

The fatuity of the McKinley impressarios is even more remarkable than his own crass imbecility. The efforts of business men to make him tell what he thinks about the currency, they denounce as a foul conspiracy. The circulation in the East of his silver views, and in the West of his gold views, as expressed in the past, they declare to be underhanded. And now they have alleged that his enemies are about to cause a panic as a means of defeating him. This is queer: that a panic could be brought about by the mere prospect of McKinley's nomination. It would indicate that business men really could suffer alarm at the uncertainty about his views. The New York Tribune has an ingenious plan to stop all this worry: just drop the currency question, says the Tribune, and make the tariff the leading issue, for every one knows what a staunch Protectionist he is. This is as if a quack should say to a small-pox patient: "My poor fellow, I don't know anything about small-pox, but I'm a corker on rheumatism, and if you'll

only agree to have that instead of small-pox, I'll cure you up in no time." No man will be accepted as "Prosperity's Advance Agent" who does not show something better in credentials than the apologies of his friends. He must have a word to say for himself if he would not be accused of trying to reach a high place by unworthy means.

NOT EAGER FOR THE FRAY.

JONES. — There is one good point about the Italian army in Abyssinia. ROBINSON. — What is it?

JONES. - It shows an almost entire absence of Jingoism.

IN THE FUTURE.

HISTORIAN.—My work on Cuba is nearly finished. I shall state in the preface that I have had access to the official documents on file in the Spanish War Department.

FRIEND. - Eh?

HISTORIAN. — but that, in the interest of accuracy, I have n't used them.

POPULAR.

- "How am I to get food from these people?" mused the tramp.
- "Just tell them you saw me!" sang the wood-pile.
- "YOU 'RE FOR Free Silver, I see," remarked Bronson, as he turned over his salary to the affable hold-up.
- "Yes," responded the Highwayman; "I'm for Free Silver where there's no Protection." And with a Bland smile he backed into the darkness.
 - "READING," SAYS Lord Bacon, "maketh a full man," and they say that is the only way it can be done in New York on Sunday.
 - GENERAL WEYLER is suspected of making history out of whole cloth.
 - T Is rumored that McKinley is in favor of submitting the silver question to arbitration.
 - TACITA WAS the Roman goddess of silence; but her worship was much neglected, as the money question did not figure in politics.

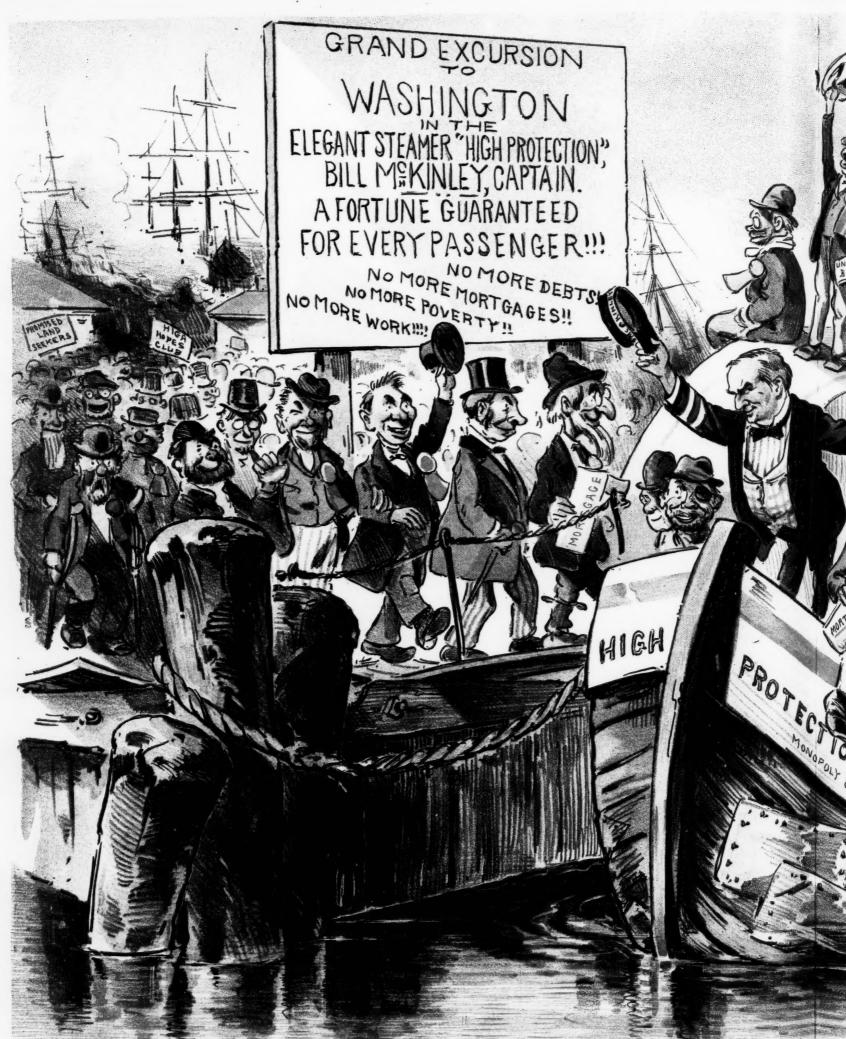


IN CHICAGO.

CLERK .- Excuse me, but what is the name of this place?

GENT. - GREATER NEW YORK, sir!

CLERK. - Oh! pardon me; - by the way, shall I send the Brooklyn papers to your room?



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FROM THE "HAWVILLE CLARION."

HE REVIVAL of religion which has been in progress at the Methodist Church for the past two weeks, and has already resulted in the conversion of eighteen souls and two or three persons from Coyote City who chanced to stray into the meetings, is in no danger of lapsing into a state of innocuous monotony so long as the Reverend Jack Jonks, the talented Texas evangelist, occupies the pulpit.

Last Wednesday night the clergyman invited a low-browed, thick-necked yahoo from Frozen Man, who was

disturbing the meeting, to come up to the mourners' bench. The tough replied, with more force than elegance, that if the preacher would step outside of the synagogue he would castigate him on less ground than he stood on and poke his ears down his own throat.

The Reverend Jack Jonks, of Texas, is somewhat thick-necked, himself, and he promptly accepted the invitation, and was snatching the galoot like a brand from the burning, by dragging him around the church-yard by the hair of his head, after having beaten him till he literally gapped, when sundry members of the congregation saw fit to interrupt the work of grace, after which the meeting was resumed and peace and harmony reigned. The Reverend Jack Jonks is a dandy!

IN THE FOOT-BALL ERA.

NEW PROFESSOR,— There seems to be a rampant spirit of sport and fraternity here. What are the college colors?

HEAD OF THE FACULTY.— Black and blue, mostly.

SHE KNEW BETTER.

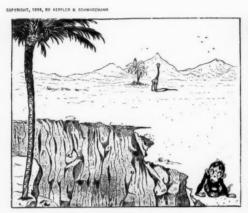
JOSIAH. — Here 's a sketch of Doctor Powderpill in the *Shady Valley Echo*. It says he has a big library, and that he 's a regular bibliomaniac.

MARIA.—Well, now, that ain't so! I know he don't go to church very much; but he believes in the Bible, for he told me so himself.

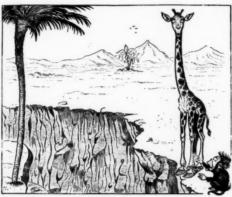
ALL THINGS come to him who waits; provided he doesn't wait too soon.

[F ALL the world loves a lover, some girls are strangely indifferent to the opportunity of cutting out so many rivals.

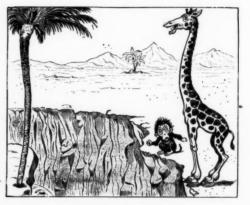
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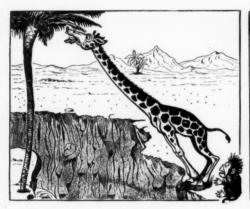
THE MONKEY.—Wel!, that just beats all. The most beautiful bunch of dates I ever saw, and yet out of my reach!



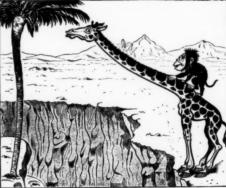
THE MONKEY.—Ah, my dear fellow, you can be of great help to me. Would you mind reaching me that bunch of dates? I can't jump that chasm.



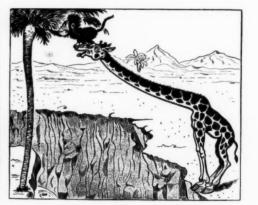
THE GIRAFFE.—Would I mind reaching him that bunch of dates? What nerve! I like dates, myself. Much obliged to you, Sonny, for calling my attention to them. You are not in this.



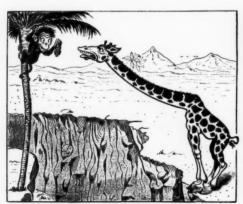
THE GIRAFFE.—Say! Hold on! I misjudged my distance this time, sure!



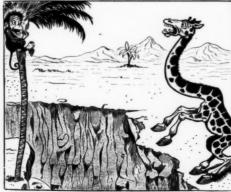
THE GIRAFFE.—Well, as neither of us can get them, we will join forces and divide the spoils. Just run up on my head, and you can reach them from there.



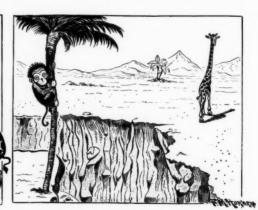
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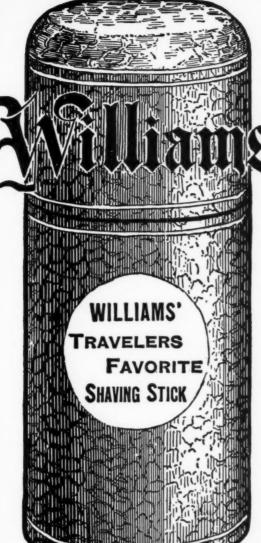
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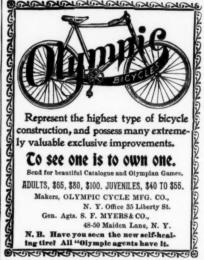
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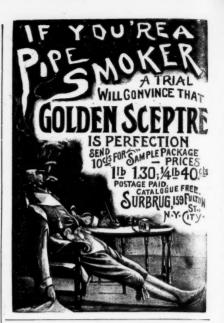
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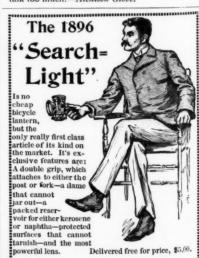
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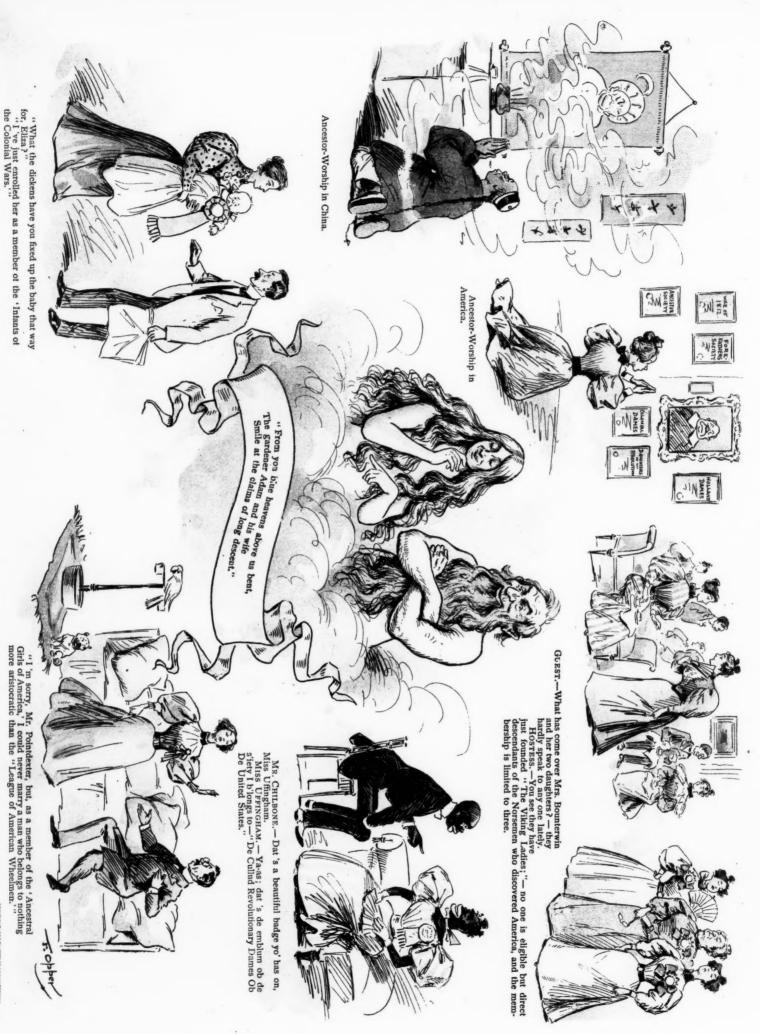
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